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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER				Docket No. APT-0006	
Application No. 09/856,468-Conf. #6366		Filing Date June 7, 2001		Examiner V. S. Chang	
Applicant(s): Takaaki Hirai et al.					
PRE-EXPANDED PARTICLES OF CRYSTALLINE AROMATIC POLYESTER-BASED Invention: RESIN, AND IN MOLD EXPANDED PRODUCT AND EXPANDED LAMINATE USING THE SAME					
TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
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CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
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Art Unit: 1771

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USING THE SAME

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated November 7, 2006 (Paper No. 20061102), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.